

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Policy Memorandum No. 19 Uniform and Appearance Policy Change 1

### 1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia Rapid Action Revision (RAR) Issue Date: 11 May 2012
- b. Marine Corps Order P1020.34G, The Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, 31 March 2003
- c. United States Navy Uniform Regulations, NAVADMIN, Navy Uniform Board Update, 2 June 2012
- d. Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, 2 August 2011
- 2. APPLICABILITY. This policy is applicable to every individual on Fort Gordon ("the installation") as well as, all service members who are assigned, attached, mobilized, demobilizing, or in training at Fort Gordon.

#### 3. POLICY.

### a. Duty Uniform:

- (1) Military personnel will wear the prescribed uniform of the day as directed by the unit commander. When the Military uniform is worn, it will be complete and worn properly at all times regardless of duty status on and off the installation. The uniform will not be altered in such a way to change the intended appearance or function as designed. The t-shirt is only acceptable as an outer garment when commanders specifically authorize it due to extreme heat in well defined places. If the uniform is not properly worn and complete when entering the installation, access will be denied.
- (2) Headgear will be worn at all times while outdoors and when operating a military vehicle of any type unless it would interfere with the operation of the vehicle.

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Service members may remove their headgear while in a privately owned vehicle.

- (3) If authorized by their commander or necessary for the performance of their duties, Service Members may wear one electronic device on their belt, belt loops, or waist band while wearing the Class A and Class B uniforms or service equivalent. The body of the device may not exceed 4x2x1 inches, and the device carrying case must be black.
- (4) Physical Fitness uniforms are not authorized for wear in any and all facilities or activities on Fort Gordon except for gymnasiums and when conducting physical fitness training. The only authorized exceptions are hospital appointments requiring the physical fitness uniform (limited to Physical Therapy, Casting, MRI/X-Ray) where changing rooms are unavailable and the use of installation gas stations when utilizing the "Pay at Pump" option. Exceptions are available for those Service Members who are authorized to wear physical fitness uniforms as their duty uniform for the entire duty day because of a medical profile (e.g. Soldiers in the Warrior Transition Unit).

# b. General Appearance Guidelines:

- (1) Electronic Devices. Service members in uniform will not use their cell phones in any capacity while walking. When in uniform the use of cell phones may be conducted from the halt only. Furthermore, earpieces of any type (e.g., Bluetooth or stereo headphones) are not authorized for wear in any uniform. (e.g. In APFU at the gym).
- (2) All personnel entering Fort Gordon or operating a motor vehicle on Fort Gordon cannot use a cell phone unless the vehicle is safely parked or the driver is using a "hands-free" device (e.g., Bluetooth device). Service members are authorized to wear "hands-free" cell phone devices while operating a motor vehicle in uniform.
- (3) Regardless of the uniform, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), (e.g. helmets and safety gear) will be worn when operating a bicycle or motorcycle. Personnel will remove PPE and don authorized headgear upon dismounting.
- (4) Body piercing. Male Service Members shall not wear earrings or any other piercing on post or off post at official functions. Service members shall not wear tongue rings while on duty (in or out of uniform), while conducting official business, or on this or any other military installation. Mouth jewelry, e.g. tongue rings, gold, silver caps (press on), tooth "grills" (solely for the purpose of cosmetics), are not authorized for wear in military uniform and/or civilian attire on this installation or any other military installation.
- (5) Civilian Bags. Military service members may carry civilian bags, civilian rucksacks, or other similar civilian bags while in uniform IAW with their Service uniform

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regulation. If the bag is carried over one shoulder, the bag must be carried on the same side of the body as the shoulder strap; therefore, the bag may not be carried slung across the body with the strap over the opposite shoulder.

#### c. Civilian Dress Attire:

- (1) Short Sleeve Shirt. For men and women, short sleeve shirts must be conservative and designed to be worn as an outer garment.
- (2) Shorts. For men and women, shorts must be of conservative length, suitable for casual wear and designed to be worn as an outer garment. Use good judgment and wear appropriate athletic shorts during activities such as jogging, biking, and swimming.
- (3) Wearing of slippers or footwear designed primarily for nightwear/sleepwear is not permitted when patronizing facilities on-post.
- (4) Headgear. Headgear will be worn in its intended manner when entering post facilities. While patronizing on-post facilities the ball cap will be worn with the brim/bill forward only; it may not be worn canted, sideways or backwards. Doo Rags and exposed hair rollers are prohibited inside installation facilities.
- (5) Bathing suits. Bathing suits are not authorized for wear as an outer garment in public areas except areas designated for swimming.

## d. Prohibited Attire:

- (1) Clothing that is ripped, torn, dirty or foul.
- (2) Clothing with printing, insignia or pictures which are sexual, violent, offensive, obscene or suggestive in nature; promote illegal activities; depict derogatory social, religious, racial or ethnic messages; or present an impression contrary to the good order and discipline of the Armed Forces and the Military community.
  - (3) Clothing which fits excessively tight, loose and/or worn below the buttocks.
- (4) Bare feet in public areas except for designated swimming, sunbathing, and recreational areas.
- (5) Bare chest or "shirtless" for men in public areas except for designated swimming or sunbathing areas or as authorized by area commanders.
- (6) Clothing and footwear that are designed primarily to be worn as nightwear or/sleepwear (e.g. pajamas," "slippers," "house shoes," "boxer shorts," etc.).

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- (7) Half-shirts, abbreviated shirts or athletic items designed to be worn as an undergarment (e.g. sports bras).
- (8) Shorts or trousers that expose any part of the buttocks, underwear or are otherwise immodest.
- (9) Ribbed tank top undershirts and tank tops/sleeveless shirts with excessive arm openings (from shoulder to waist) are not authorized for wear at anytime on the installation.
- 4. The examples of inappropriate dress and appearance mentioned in the above policy are not all inclusive and therefore can be added to in order to facilitate the purpose of this policy.
- 5. The proponent for this policy is the US Army Garrison, Fort Gordon at DSN 780-2509 or Commercial at 706-791-2509.

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